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1. Tirana is divided into six Lagje or quarters. The exact boundaries are not known, but the following are the names and approximate areas of the Lagje:
 - a. Lagje "29 Nandor" (29th of November), includes the center and the southeast, around the Elbasan road.
 - b. Lagja e Sulmit (Attack), includes the eastern area from the old Shengjergj road to the Diber road.
 - c. Lagja "Guerille", includes the northern area, north of the Diber road, including the railway station, but not including the prisons.
 - d. Lagja "Partizan", includes the area from the prisons to the Kavaje road including the Durres road, except in the center of the town.
 - e. Lagje e Laprakes, includes the area to the northwest, opposite the airfield. This quarter includes a housing project built by the Italians.
 - f. Lagje "Tirana e Re" (New Tirana), includes the southwest portion of the center of town where the communist leaders live.
2. Between 1950 and 1955 Tirana has been vastly improved. Hundreds of new houses (blocks of flats), mostly for officers and officials of the government, have been built in many parts of town. The housing office

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will find accommodations for workers or clerks transferring to Tirana, however, individuals moving there on their own initiative have to find their own accommodations which is not easy.

3. The Lana River has been channeled and lined with concrete blocks from a point east of the old Turkish Bridge (G.335417) to the airfield (at about G.305416). Willows have been planted on the river banks.
4. The park (G.328415) opposite the Dajti Hotel is beautifully laid out with trees, a small lake, and well kept grass. The new block of flats for officers is on the west side of the park.
5. The area on the east side of the Boulevard Stalin (ex-Shiqiperija e Re) and north of the Prime Ministry (331413) has also been made into a public garden.
6. The following are new public buildings:
 - a. The Government Palace (Pallat i Qeveris) used for official celebrations and receptions. It is located at the bend of the Lana River (G.32664149).
 - b. The Ministry of the People's Defense, located on the west side of Boulevard Stalin opposite the Prime Ministry (G.32954115). It is separate from the General Headquarters of the People's Defense which is at the southern end of the Boulevard facing north.
7. The People's Assembly (Kuvendi Popullor) building is located on the west side of the square in front of the General Headquarters of the People's Defense; the southern part of the buildings on the east side of this square (in front of the stadium) is military and part of the General Headquarters. The northern part of these buildings is part of the School of Physical Culture (Fizkulture).
8. The Tirana Gymnasium has moved from its site (G.328427) on Boulevard Stalin opposite the Maternity Center, to a site known as Halil Meniku's house (between G.321418 and 324419). The previous site has been taken over by the Tirana Pedagogical Institute.
9. The road to Tirana Railway Station turns east northeast at the northern end of the Boulevard Stalin, continues for 350 M., then north northwest for about 500 m. to the station.
10. The barracks at G.315414 are no longer used as barracks (sic). The Misto Mane woodworking plant is at G.31554155 and the Usina Enver at G.313415. There is a football field across the Kavaje road from the Misto Mane plant in the corner of the airfield.
11. The Ali Rizaj barracks south of the Kavaje road (at G. 303410) are no longer in military use, but are used for various civilian schools including a technical school. However, the barracks on the north side of the road are still in military hands.
12. The Ali Rizaj have been replaced by newly constructed barracks north-east of town between the Diber road and the Tirana River beyond the junction of the Dajti and Berat roads (centered on G.355442 - Map GSGS 4396, 1:100,000, sheet 153). The area is known as Rrap I Trishit (The Three-fold Plane-tree).

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13. The Yzberishte industrial area including the Stalin Combine, is located just west of Ali Rizaaj on either side of the Kavaje road. Most of the industrial area is on the north side of the road.
14. The new radio transmitter is at Kashar 300 m. north of the Dures road. There is one building surrounded by a wall, and four or five antennae of single tubular construction unlike those of the old station which are of normal open metalwork construction.

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